

The Mystery of Theodosia Burr.

One of the greatest mysteries in the history of the United States was the disappearance of Theodosia Burr the beautiful and devoted daughter of Aaron Burr. For a number of years before she fell in love with and married a rich Southerner, Theodosia was the undisputed belle of New York. Her father's position in public life would have assured her great recognition, but her devotion to him, even after he had become disgraced, brought her favorable comment and admiration. After Aaron Burr had drifted to Europe to escape the scorn which he met with from his former friends on all sides, his daughter had gone to Charleston to live and soon after, as the wife of Gov. Joseph Alston of South Carolina, became the first lady of that state, during which time little was heard of her. When her father, after spending a miserable existence abroad, decided to return to this country, Theodosia planned to visit him. Her only son Aaron Burr Alston, has just died. The blow had almost broken her heart and she expected to find consolation in a visit to her father. But the law of South Carolina at that time prohibited the governor from leaving the state, so Theodosia was compelled to make the trip alone. On December 31, 1812, she set out, with a few servants and a picked crew, in a sailing ship, the Patriot. It was but a short time before the vessel had cleared the Charleston bar and was out of sight and from that time nothing was ever heard of the ship or any of its crew or passengers. Not even a bit of wreckage of the Patriot was found to bear evidence as to what had happened. Whether a storm sent the craft to the bottom with all on board, or whether it was looted and sunk by an enemy or fell a prey to pirates, who may have killed Theodosia or sold her as a slave in the Orient is unknown to this day. For a number of years thereafter there was an unconfirmed rumor that she had been captured by pirates, but as she was very rich and could have paid a heavy ransom for her release, this does not seem likely. "She is dead," her father always declared, "for if she were alive, all the prisons in the world could not keep her from her father," and he was probably right in his assumption. Ex.

A Prayer Ten Centuries Old.

Among the documents and manuscripts taken by the Pelliot mission of France from a cave in Chinese Turkestan, where they had lain during ten centuries, is a curious manuscript recorded by the French Academy of Sciences. The manuscript is in one of the oldest known Hebrew texts. It is a prayer formed of passages taken from the Psalms and from the prophets, written in beautiful square Hebrew, with a very rudimentary system of vocalization.

Evidently the manuscript was carried on the person of the man who owned it. Hebrew scholars believe that the document dates from the eighth or ninth century of the Christian era, and that it belonged to a pious Jewish merchant of Arabia. No such paper was known in Arabia in either the eighth or ninth century, therefore it is supposed that the manuscript was transcribed for its owner when he was in China, where such paper was to be found.—Harper's Weekly.

Mrs. Lizzie Lott, of Jacksonville, Ill., Mrs. Cutter, of Camp Point, Ill., and Miss Welch, of Quincy, stopped off here last Thursday to see their brother, B. H. Welch, of this city. These ladies had attended the funeral of another brother at St. Joseph, whose occurred at that place a few days ago.

Meaning of Names.

Susan is Hebrew, a Lily. Alma is Latin, the Kindly. Guy is French, the Leader. Rachel is Hebrew, the Lamb. Edwin is Saxon, a Conqueror. Paul is Latin, the Small One. Clara is Latin, the Bright One. Lionel is Latin, a Little Lion. Hugh is Dutch, the Lofty Man. Jacob is Hebrew, the Supplanter. Gilbert is Saxon, Bright as Gold. Ernest is Greek, the Serious One. Martin is Latin, the Martial One. Lucius is Latin, the Shining One. Eunice is Greek, the Fair Victory. Peter is of Latin origin, the Rock. Sophit is Greek and means Wisdom.

Leonard, German name, is Lion-like.

Florence is Latin, the Blooming One.

Sarah, a Hebrew name, means Princess.

Arabella is Latin, the Beautiful Altar.

Cesar, Latin name, means Hairy Man.

Agatha is a Greek name, the Good One.

Edith and Editha are Saxon, Happiness.

Douglass is Gaelic, signifying Dark Gray.

Oliver is of Roman origin, an Olive Tree.

Rosamond, is Saxon, the Rose of Peace.

Daniel is Hebrew, meaning God is Judge.

Lucy is the feminine of the Latin Lucius.

Isaac, a Hebrew name, means Laughter. Ex.

A Number of Sarcastic Truths.

"Yes," remarked the country merchant to a newspaper reporter, "I certainly have a snap. The wholesale houses send me duns every month and draw on me at sight; but if I send a bill to a farmer he comes in swearing mad and quits trading at my store. While I am hard up for money many of those who owe me are sending cash in advance to mail order houses. If I contribute money to any cause people say I am bidding for trade; if I don't people say I am a hog."

Every day I am expected to dig up for everything that comes along from a raffle ticket to a church fund by people who say I ought to do this because they do part of their trading here; but my friend Montgomery Ward neither buys raffle tickets nor helps the fund, and yet gets cash in advance business; and if I were to circulate a subscription paper among the wholesale city houses where we trade I would get the laugh proper. If I sell a pair of pants I must treat the family to candy and cigars; if I buy a load of potatoes I must do the same. Customers are able to hang on to their money while I pay 10 per cent at the bank to get ready cash. I have a big business during hard times and poor crops from people who are willing to trade with me providing I can duplicate catalogue prices and wait until after harvest for my money. My scales weigh too heavy when I sell sugar and too light when I buy butter. I am a thief, a liar and grafter. If I give to charity I am a soft soapy hypocrite; if I don't I am a grump. Yes this is certainly a snap." And then he looks over \$10,000 worth of book accounts, all good, and wonders how he could raise \$350 to pay a sight draft due tomorrow.—Vandalia Mail.

Mr. Boyd of Monroe County has been criticised because he is said to be too forward for a new member in declaring his views on pending legislation. But he has the ability to do so and believes that he is thus serving the interests of his constituents to the best advantage. He is a faithful, hardworking representative.—Indicator.

Protection to Labor.

The government has spent a large sum of money in investigating the condition of immigrants from foreign countries to the United States. The report is a most favorable one, the general recommendation being that what we are pleased to regard as the "lower classes" of laborers are as a rule intelligent, industrious and economical.

Mr. Paul Kellogg, of the immigration commission, makes a suggestion that should cause us to "sit up and take notice." The suggestion is that for the first years it shall be unlawful to employ these laborers at less than \$2.50 a day. In other words, it is a scheme for the protection of labor. Of course, no person can compel anybody to employ them; but if the wages of immigrant unskilled labor were put at \$2.50 per day, the trusts, whose main argument for a tariff is that they may be able to pay high wages, would be obliged to pay that for other unskilled labor.

We have had this idea running in our head for about twenty years; that if protection should be given to cover the difference in the cost of production in this and other countries, the women of this country should have some protection for their product, which is the American laboring man. This would involve a much higher degree of protection than Mr. Kellogg proposes in his report, or the difference in cost of production in Europe and America. A tariff equal to the difference in cost of production would no doubt be prohibitive; but if we are to subsidize ships, where a tariff would be ineffective, why not subsidize mothers, not out of the treasury directly, but by levying a tax on bachelors?

Some funny questions come up when we get to thinking seriously about fundamental questions. We can do at least this much for our foreign immigration: We can protect them from robbery and deception when they land at our ports. We can steer those of them who were bred on the farm to the agricultural sections, where they are needed, instead of allowing them to be crowded into the cities. If the report of the commission leads to this, the cost of the investigation will be money well spent, though it be a large sum. Wallaces' Farmer.

A man who was afraid of thunder crawled into a hollow log as a place of safety during a thunder storm. The thunder rolled and the rain poured down in torrents, and the old log began to swell up till the poor fellow was wedged in so tight that he could not get out. All his past sins began passing before him. Suddenly he remembered he hadn't paid his newspaper subscription, and he felt so small that he was able to back right out.—Milan Standard.

\$3,733,276 in Treasury.

Jefferson City, Mo., Feb. 28.—There was a balance in the State Treasury at the close of business this evening of \$3,733,276.16.

While the receipts for February were \$588,707.49, the disbursement for the month, owing to the fact that the appropriation bills have not yet become laws, amounted to but \$43.35.

The Penitentiary earned \$30,290.85. There is a balance in the game fund of \$45,782.37 and a balance in the good road fund of \$29,510.83.

The general Treasury balance is held as follows: Cash and legislative script in the Treasurer's vault, \$177,992.44; First National Bank, Jefferson City, \$178,436.65; National Bank of Commerce, Kansas City, \$173,499.65; German-American Bank, St. Louis, \$321,681.90; Mississippi Valley Trust Company, St. Louis, \$2,707,804.86.

What the Missouri Editors Are Saying

Those Poor Innocent Children.

A man 90 and a woman 69 eloped recently in New York and were married before anyone could interpose objections. If parents would be more careful of their children there would be fewer of these precocious marriages.—Milan Standard.

Would Always Be Victorious

The St. Louis Republic keeps on casting slurs and knocking James A. Reed, Missouri's junior senator. If the Republic was as good a Democratic newspaper as the Globe-Democrat is a Republican paper the Democracy of Missouri would always be victorious in the state.—Platte County Gazette.

Not at the People's Expense

"Build up foreign trade if you can, but not at the expense of the American people," said Mr. Frank B. Kellogg, special assistant to the Attorney General in his argument on the Standard Oil case before the supreme court. Elmo Register.

And the "Steel" Trust Raised.

Old Brer Carnegie gave \$10,000,000 for the Peace Fund and the steel trust immediately raised the price of steel wire \$1.00 per ton.—Platte County Landmark.

Stand for Champ Clark.

Why should Missourians organize Harmon or Wilson clubs for president when we have good material of our own? No state can offer a more worthy or representative man than Champ Clark. Let Missourians stand for a Missourian for president.—Macon Times-Democrat.

Give Them a Lieu on Brides.

A bill has been introduced at this legislative session giving the tombstone men a lieu on the monuments so they can be taken back if not paid for. It now remains for the law to give preachers a lieu on the bride and a doctor a lieu on the baby.—Platte County Landmark.

How Much Did They Help?

The Sturgeon Leader makes the following pertinent reference to what the mail order houses do and fail to do: "Sears & Roebuck declared a dividend of 33 1-3 per cent last year. Not a merchant in Sturgeon did this well. How much of that profit did Sears & Roebuck give to building bridges in Boone county? How much did they help the churches and schools? Linneus Bulletin.

Lloyd of Missouri Slated.

Representative James T. Lloyd of Missouri, is slated as chairman of the House Committee on Post-offices of the Sixty-second Congress. He is understood to be the selection of Chairman Underwood of the prospective Ways and Means committee. This committee will have the duty of naming all House committees, aside from that of Rules.—Carthage Democrat.

Stolen From the Democratic Platform.

Truth is truth and right is right under whatever name it is promulgated. Many of the ideas and reforms of the new Progressive Republican League are taken from the Democratic platform. If the reforms advocated by the Democratic party are needed by the county they will continue to be so if espoused by the New Republican League, but if the latter will join with the former in working for it their fulfillment their enactment will be sooner forthcoming.—Albany Ledger.

Habits.

In one of our hospitals a brave fire man was brought in with an injured foot. It was bound up carefully, and the poor fellow went off to sleep. Suddenly in the early hours of the morning an electric bell was set ringing in the hospital. The bell had the exact sound of the used at the fire station to rouse the men in case of emergency. The injured fireman, the moment he heard the sound, jumped out of bed ready to do duty. Of course his injured foot had to be bound up again, and the man safeguarded.

Habits are stubborn things; forming them is the mother's work. A child who, with no brother or sister to annoy him, and indulgent parents to humor him, seems almost too good to live, when he is found, if put in a company of children, not fit to live with and then shown by the whole gang influence of starchy boys who have been taught to give as well as take.

"The man soon got tired of his religion who doesn't work at it," and the child whose mother has never made him share doesn't know how to share. In large families the children get the habit of sharing with one another. The wise mother of one son, from his babyhood had him divide his goodies, and loan his toys. The mother of two boys said: "I always buy everything in pairs for my boys, so there will not be any quarreling." It seems to me that she was rubbing her boys of opportunities of being unselfish. These boys with a bat and ball each didn't have half the fun that a family of seven children with a bat and ball between them, with which they took turns, had. The mother of the two boys bought their candy in two sacks; the mother of seven sometimes had out one stick, but that was divided in seven pieces, and each child wanted her to take a bite from his. Buying peace with double portions will not give the unselfish habit.

At the army maneuvers last fall a soldier fell off his horse during an intricate movement, but the riderless horse took his accustomed place in the star, wheeling and turning in unison with the others. He had been guided in the movements till he had the habit. Let us give our children the habit of unselfishness. Wallace's Farmer.

There is much said lately in regard to the commission form of government. The advocates of this plan of governing municipalities invariably begin their argument by the declaration that this plan takes question of local government out of politics. Now this writer is curious to know just how such a thing can be possible. If the city has a mayor at all, how does he secure the office? Who or what bestows the honor upon him? Is not politics any way you want to suff it, either by appointment, election or otherwise, so long as the matter pertains to the public welfare of the city? The commission form of government may be a good thing and an improvement over usual methods, but to say that it takes the appointment or election of officials out of politics is all bosh. It is only a question taken in a different manner. A different method is used to attain the result, but is a political method just the same.

They are having a great time with the sheriff of St. Louis County. It seems a great number of the people down there want the saloons closed on Sunday, but the sheriff of that county won't be quick enough to keep the lid properly adjusted. When this officer is called out to close a saloon on Sunday it is claimed he telephones ahead so that when he arrives the place is closed up tight and he makes no arrests. Gov. Hadley has threatened to oust this official for neglect of duty.